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SUBJECT: GOE FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNGA SPEECH

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1. AS ANTICIPATED, GOE FOREIGN MINISTER'S SEPTEMBER 24 UNGA SPEECH TOOK US TO TASK FOR WHAT GOE CONSIDERS "TRANSFORMING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION INTO AN ELEMENT OF PUNISHMENT AND COERCION AGAINST COUNTRIES WHICH, IN EXERCISE OF THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, HAVE IN CONFORMITY WITH EXISTING LAWS PROCEEDED TO CAPTURE AND PUNISH FISHING BOATS WHICH HAVE ENGAGED IN ILLICIT ACTIVITIES IN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL WATERS."

2. PAREDES' STATEMENT, HOWEVER, AVOIDED SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO U.S. NOTIFICATION TO ECUADOR UNDER FPA AND, TAKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF ONE BRIEF PASSAGE WITHIN A FOURTEEN PAGE PRONOUNCEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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CAN BE INTERPRETED AS A MODERATE AND MINIMAL ALLUSION TO

PROBLEMS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

3. PRESS PLAY ON PAREDES' STATEMENT HAS BEEN ROUTINE AND NON-INFLAMMATORY. LEADING DAILY EL COMERCIO HEADLINED FOREIGN MINISTER'S EXHORTATION THAT UN RESOLUTIONS BE IMPLEMENTED AND BURIES TEXT OF PASSAGE ON 200 MILE PROBLEM IN BACK PAGES. FRONT PAGE OF SMALLER BUT INFLUENTIAL EL TIEMPO FEATURED PAREDES' DENUNCIATION OF U.S. IN SUBSEQUENT EDITORIAL REFERRING TO SPEECH, EL COMERCIO REITERATES ECUADOREAN POSITION THAT OUR SANCTIONS CONSTITUTE AN INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND A VIOLATION OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS. EDITORIAL GOES ON TO STATE THAT SANCTIONS MUST BE LIFTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PERMIT FRANK AND CORDIAL INTERNATIONAL LOS DISCUSSIONS.

4. THEME OF LIFTING SANCTIONS IS ONE WHICH ECUADOREANS HAVE BEEN PRESSING FAIRLY VIGOROUSLY WITH US RECENTLY. SUBDIRECTOR OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RIVADINEIRA, TOLD US SEPTEMBER 26 THAT HE WAS PERSUADED GOE COULD WORK OUT ACCOMMODATION DIRECTLY WITH US TUNA INDUSTRY IF SANCTIONS WERE LIFTED. IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION, FOREIGN MINISTER'S BROTHER, FRANCISCO PAREDES, WHO IS SUBDIRECTOR OF EL TIEMPO, TOLD EMBOFF ON SAME DAY THAT HE WAS PERSUADED HIS GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE A PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO FISHING PROBLEM IF SANCTIONS ARE LIFTED. HE ADDED THAT HIS BROTHER'S UNGA SPEECH REFLECTED A MODERATE APPROACH AND A SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO AVOID "DEMAGOGY" OF CERTAIN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS.
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